

IOOF Eastwood Cemetery Adopt-A-Block Program

Established in 1890, the Medford IOOF Eastwood Cemetery is significant for its association with the earliest period of settlement and development of Medford and is one of several established by the fraternal organization in Oregon. Its period of historical significance comprises the years 1890 to 1915. The I.O.O.F. Lodge bought the land, twenty and 22/100 acres of the William Barneburg Donation Land Claim, for \$700 from Frederick and Electa Barneburg. Located on a prominent oak-studded hillside, approximately one mile east of the downtown, the site offered an attractive and practical location for a cemetery. The Barneburg family had previously interred two family members on the hillside in 1878 and 1883.

The City's resources are limited and stretched to cover this 20 acre plot of land. It is by the help of our volunteers to help maintain this location as a beautiful place for history advocates and community members. Our adopt-a-block program is just one of the many ways volunteers can participate in the assistance of this required maintenance.

We are asking adopters to make a one-year commitment to look after and care for one of the many cemetery blocks. Cemetery blocks are roughly 24' x 30' with 12 to 16 graves in each.

Requirements in maintaining this adoption are as follows:

- 30 minutes a month dedicated to maintenance of the block
- Tracking and submitting hours worked to the Parks, Recreation & Facilities Department (tracking calendar will be provided)
- Submitting pictures of before and after maintenance to the Parks, Recreation & Facilities Department

Maintenance includes the following:

- Vegetation Maintenance (pulling invasive plants, raking & bagging tree debris, pruning bushes and hedges)
- Headstone Cleaning/Repair (sweeping off headstones & clearing any lichen or mold on headstones)

Training for headstone repair and/or vegetation maintenance will be provided by the City of Medford's Park, Recreation and Facilities Department. Anything beyond normal routine maintenance of your adopted block must be reviewed and approved by the City of Medford's cemetery sexton.

Additional information will be provided once your adopted block has been assigned. If you have a particular section of the cemetery or grave sites you would like to work on, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your request. We appreciate your interest and assistance in maintaining one of Medford's great historical locations.